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SUBJECT: OMANI ATTACK ON HAUF

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1. ON AFTERNOON OCTOBER 18 ACTING FONMIN YUSUF AL-ALAWI
SUMMONED ALL NON-ARAB CHIEFS OF MISSION TO GROUP MEETING AND
HANDED OFFICIAL OMANGOV STATEMENT ABOUT OCTOBER 17
ATTACK ON HAUF. PRESENT WERE AMBASSADORS OF IRAN, INDIA,
FRANCE, UK, PAKISTAN AND U.S., AND WEST GERMAN CHARGE.
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TEXT IS SAME AS IN REFTEL. ALAWI SAID ARAB AMBASSADORS AL-

READY BRIEFED SEPARATELY (FOR LANGUAGE REASONS) ALONG IDENTICAL LINES.

2. ALAWI SPOKE BRIEFLY SAYING OMANGOV HAD HELD ITS PATIENCE FOR FIVE YEARS BUT FINALLY WAS FORCED TO ATTACK HAUF WITH AIRPLANES AND ARTILLERY IN SELF-DEFENSE. SAID PDRY MUST BE CONVINCED THAT PEACE IS REQUIRED IN SOUTH ARABIA, HOWEVER PDRY HAS IGNORED EFFORTS TO TELL THEM THIS AND INSTEAD HAD INCREASED THEIR FIRING FROM ACROSS THE BORDER INTO OMAN'S "SIMBA" POSITION. HE SAID 155 ROUNDS OF FIRE WERE RECEIVED FROM HAUF ARTILLERY IN OCTOBER ALONE; OVER PAST FIVE MONTHS, TOTAL WAS 500 ROUNDS. OMANGOV THEREFORE CONSIDERED IT NECESSARY TO PROTECT ITSELF, ITS PEOPLE AND ITS POSITION BY TAKING DIRECT ACTION TO SILENCE HAUF BATTERIES. THE ATTACK WAS SUCCESSFUL, WITH THE PDRY ARTILLERY POSITIONS AND A TERRORIST HEADQUARTERS "DESTROYED." ALAWI ADDED THAT THIS ATTACK DOES NOT RPT NOT REPRESENT A PLAN TO LAUNCH A WAR AGAINST SOUTH YEMEN. SAID OMANGOV HOPES ENTIRE PROBLEM OF PDRY INTERFERENCE IN DHOFAR CAN BE SOLVED, AND HOPES THAT OMAN'S FRIENDS WHO HAVE TIES IN ADEN WILL HELP TO CONVINCE SOUTH YEMEN TO RESPECT OMANI SOVEREIGNTY. HE CONCLUDED SAYING OMAN HAD INFORMED ALL ARAB LEAGUE MEMBERS AND UNSYG SOON AFTER THE ATTACK.

3. UNDER QUESTIONING, ALAWI STATED THERE HAVE BEEN NO REACTIONS UP TO NOW FROM ANY OTHER ARAB GOVERNMENT "NOR ARE ANY EXPECTED." HE MENTIONED THERE WERE TWO OMANI CASUALTIES, INCLUDING ONE DEAD, AT SIMBA FROM PDRY SHELLING IN TWO DAYS PRECEDING ATTACK ON HAUF, BUT NO SHELLING AT ALL SINCE THE ATTACK. HE STATED THIS WAS FIRST SAF ATTACK ON PDRY TERRITORY SINCE 1972 RAID AT HABARUT, FURTHER NORTH, WHICH ALSO WAS PROMPTED BY PDRY MILITARY ACTIONS FROM THEIR OWN TERRITORY. ALAWI SAID OMANI FORCES SUFFERED NO LOSSES IN THEIR OCTOBER 17 RAID.

4. OMANGOV STATEMENT (PARA 1) WAS READ ON LOCAL NEWS BROADCAST EVENING OCTOBER 17 AND MENTIONED ON BBC BROADCAST HEARD HERE SAME NIGHT.

5. COMMENT. OMANGOV APPEARS TO BE SIGNALING ITS DETERMINATION LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TO RESUME DHOFAR OFFENSIVE IN MAJOR WAY THIS FALL WITH AIM OF BRINGING UNDER ITS CONTROL THE REMAINING WESTERN PORTION OF PROVINCE. WE WILL BE SEEKING ADDITIONAL INFO FROM SAF CONTACTS.

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